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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Carol Ann McBratnie, pro se — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

Amazon.com, Inc — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☒ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

US District Court Michigan Eastern District

6th Circuit Court of Appeals

☐ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☒ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

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(Signature)

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**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Carol Ann McBratnie, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ 664.00	\$ No Spouse	\$ 0.00	\$ No Spouse
Self-employment	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$
Interest and dividends	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$
Gifts	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$
Alimony	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$
Child Support	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ 2,206.00	\$	\$ 2,206.00	\$
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$
Unemployment payments	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$
Other (specify): _____	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00	\$
Total monthly income:	\$ 2,870	\$	\$ 2,206.00	\$

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Lowes seasonal	Warren, MI	5/2026-9/2026	\$ 1000
UPS seasonal delivery	Pontiac, MI	11/2026-12/2026	\$4,000.00 (2024 and 2025)
Dollar General	Oak Park, MI	3/2025-10/2025	\$ 1,200.00
Dollar Tree	Clawson, MI	11/2024-3/2025	800-1000.00
Amazon delivery driver	Michigan	11/2018-10/2024	1,200.00

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
No Spouse			\$
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ Text
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Checking	\$ 200.00	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

☒ Home
Value \$225,000

☐ Other real estate
Value _____

☒ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2013 Toyota Prius
Value \$3,000

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model _____
Value _____

☐ Other assets
Description _____
Value _____

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money

Amount owed to you

\$	
\$	
\$	

Amount owed to your spouse

\$	
\$	
\$	

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$750.00	\$
Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☒ No	\$4,000/year	
Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☒ No	\$2,000/year	
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$400.00	\$
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$200.00	\$
Food	\$500.00	\$
Clothing	\$ 0.00	\$
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 80.00	\$
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 100.00	\$

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>40.00 (gas)</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
Life	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
Health	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
Other: <u>state farm total home auto and life</u>	\$ <u>530.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): <u>property taxes auto taxes</u>	\$ <u>350.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>125.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Other: <u>Student Loan NelNet est</u>	\$ <u>157.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Other (specify): <u> </u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>3,232</u>	\$ <u> </u>

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

disabled unemployed individual seeking work

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case. Social Security does not cover the bills. Age 66 and disabled. Supplementing income with jobs compatible with my disabilities. Recently terminated by Dollar General 21 hours after notifying of needing a workplace accommodation. Michigan Dept of Civil Rights is handling the Charge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: September 23, 2026

K. Valente 9/23/26
K. Valente

Chris Butcher
(Signature)

